

April 19, 2011, caused Ms. Moody to develop Guillain-Barre Syndrome (“GBS”). Petition, filed Apr. 23, 2014. On October 12, 2016, the undersigned issued a decision awarding compensation to Petitioner pursuant to the parties’ joint stipulation. Decision, ECF No. 51.

On April 3, 2017, Petitioner filed an application for attorneys’ fees and costs. Petitioner requested attorneys’ fees in the amount of \$47,240.00 and attorneys’ costs in the amount of \$4,395.58. *See* Pet’r’s Mot. Att’ys’ Fees at 1, ECF No. 58. Pursuant to General Order 9, Petitioner stated that she had not personally incurred any expenses during the prosecution of this claim. ECF No. 58-5. Respondent indicated that “[t]o the extent the Special Master is treating [P]etitioner’s request for attorneys’ fees and costs as a motion that requires a response from [R]espondent . . . Respondent is satisfied the statutory requirements for an award of attorneys’ fees and costs are met in this case.” Resp’t’s Resp. at 2 (Apr. 20, 2017), ECF No. 59. Respondent recommended that the undersigned exercise her discretion and determine a reasonable award for attorneys’ fees and costs. *Id.* at 3. Petitioner did not file a reply thereafter.

The undersigned has reviewed Petitioner’s counsel’s detailed records of time and expenses incurred in this case, and they are reasonable. In accordance with the Vaccine Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e) (2012), the undersigned finds that Petitioner is entitled to attorneys’ fees and costs. **Accordingly, the undersigned hereby awards the amount of \$51,635.58,³ in the form of a check made payable jointly to Petitioner and Petitioner’s counsel, John R. Howie, Jr., of Howie Law, P.C.** In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the court shall enter judgment in accordance herewith.⁴

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Herbrina D. Sanders
Herbrina D. Sanders
Special Master

³ This amount is intended to cover all legal expenses incurred in this matter. This award encompasses all charges by the attorney against a client, “advanced costs” as well as fees for legal services rendered. Furthermore, § 15(e)(3) prevents an attorney from charging or collecting fees (including costs) that would be in addition to the amount awarded herein. *See generally Beck v. Sec’y of Health & Human Servs.*, 924 F.2d 1029 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

⁴ Entry of judgment can be expedited by each party’s filing of a notice renouncing the right to seek review. Vaccine Rule 11(a).